

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colonel James W. Ross's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Colonel Ross has devoted more than 36 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a leader of soldiers--dedicating himself to the successful development of future Army National Guard leaders and providing the state with training institution that is nationally recognized for its commitment to training excellence; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

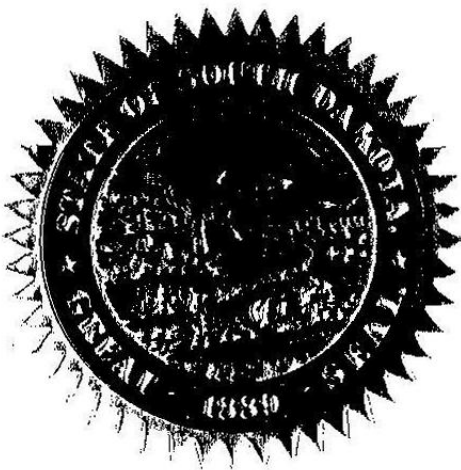
Whereas, Colonel Ross continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Colonel James W. Ross for more than 36 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

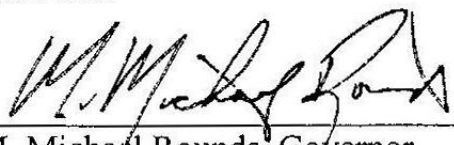
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2009, as

COLONEL JAMES W. ROSS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State